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**Docket No. 10235/4**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Inventors:** Yoshihiro SATO  
**Serial No.:** 09/242,561

**Filing Date: February 19, 1999**

**For: Method for Retaining Minute  
Droplet, Reacting and Reaction Vessel**

Group: 1634

**Examiner:** Forman, B.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thus extending the time for responding to the Office Action up to, and including, October 5, 2002. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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